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1. Genaro Carnero Checa, and the Federation of Journalists of Peru which he organized, were caught unprepared by the United States Embassy's refusal to grant him a visa to attend the Sixth Interamerican Press Congress in New York City. The Federation hastily directed its press and propaganda committee, headed by Communist Julio del Prado, to draft a retaliatory communique. When the communique was completed, neither La Prensa nor El Comercio would agree to publish it.
2. Gaston Aguirre Morales, newly-elected president of the Federation and an editor of La Cronica, suggested that the communique be presented to Gustavo Prado whose approval would be required for its appearance in La Cronica. Prado is in charge of La Cronica's policy during the absence of Manuel Cisneros Sanchez in New York. Prado agreed to publish the communique if three words in the text were changed. The alterations made were as follows:
 - a. In paragraph 4, the words "persona non grata" were substituted for "inafecta."
 - b. In paragraph 6, "columniosas" was changed to read "insidiosas."
 - c. In paragraph 7, the word "ignorancia" was changed to "omision."
3. When La Cronica agreed to publish the communique, La Prensa and El Comercio followed suit although the latter disavowed any support of the content of the communique. Carnero, through Julio del Prado, was successful in having the communique published in most of the so-called prensa chica, and in eliciting statements defending him from the editors of the small papers.
4. The long and bitter article published by Carnero in the 9 October issue of 1950, the Peruvian weekly newsmagazine edited by Carnero, was first cleared with Marcel Delboy, chief of the Peruvian government's press and propaganda office. It is not known whether Delboy, in turn, consulted President Odria on the matter, but it was reported that Odria was annoyed by the entire affair, particularly since he had publicly approved the new Federation of Journalists of Peru.
5. Carnero reportedly sought to have the matter aired on the floor of congress but was unable to persuade any of the leftist congressmen to take up the case. He approached both Senators Luciano Castillo (Socialist) and Jose Uriel Garcia (pro-Communist). The senators [redacted] told Carnero that the matter was "too dangerous" and that if he wanted a protest made, he should try to have

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it done officially through the Minister of Foreign Affairs.*

6. The newsmagazine 1950 was reported to have had 3500 soles worth of advertising contracts cancelled, and might not be able to continue publication without a subsidy from the government.**
7. There was little reaction within the Peruvian Communist Party concerning the Carnero case as Carnero is regarded by the Party as a "traitor." The Communists were reportedly annoyed by the case because it served to attract the government's attention to Communist activity.
8. The action taken against Carnero met with the approval of rightist political circles. Dr. Alberto Ferrandiz of Union Revolucionaria commented, "It is the best action that I have seen the Americans take. They have stirred up a secret nest of snakes."

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* [redacted] ment: As of 20 October, nothing had been said about the case in the Peruvian congress, nor had an official protest of any kind been made.

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[redacted] Comment: 1950 already receives some help from the government in the form of paid advertisements for various government dependencies. However, the principal stockholders in 1950 are Manuel Cisneros Sanchez who handles Prado interests in La Cronica, and Claudio Fernandez Concha, president of the Chamber of Deputies.

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